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Security Council

9.30 a.m. . . . . 5096th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council mission

   Report of the Security Council mission to Central Africa, 21–25 November 2004 (S/2004/934)

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

11.30 a.m. . . . . . 68th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change (A/59/565 and A/59/565/Corr.1) . . . . . [55]

Address by the Secretary-General

Morning[1] . . . . . Informal meeting (closed) . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Informal meeting of the plenary to exchange views on the recommendations contained in the report of the High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change (A/59/565 and A/59/565/Corr.1)

3 p.m. . . . . 69th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments . . . [17]

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/582)

(continued overleaf)

[1] Following the adjournment of the 68th plenary meeting.

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(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/583)

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/584)

(d) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/585)

(e) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/586)

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/587)

2. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [27]; Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan [39 (d)]: *joint debate*

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/59/581)

(b) Draft resolution (A/59/L.44)

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 119 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218B and 54/244); and 118 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/59/359, A/58/364, A/58/785, A/57/747 and A/57/747/Corr.1))

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly to review progress made on the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and related fields (agenda items 45 and 55)

The third meeting *(closed)* of the open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly in 2005, will be held on Thursday, 9 December 2004, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to discuss the text of a draft resolution by the President of the General Assembly, that was faxed to all Permanent Missions on Friday, 3 December 2004.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Request for a subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone
2. Draft report

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Second Committee
Informal "informals"

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Olivier Chave (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on agenda item 90 (b) (Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system), will be held *today*, 8 December 2004, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Peter Gebert (Denmark), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (Sustainable development), will be held *today*, 8 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon), on the draft resolution on agenda item 89 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)), will be held *today*, 8 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Claudia Alemán (Peru), on the draft resolution on microcredit (under agenda item 85 (a)), will be held *today*, 8 December 2004, from 2 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Khondker Talha (Bangladesh), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (a) (International trade and development), will be held *today*, 8 December 2004, from 2.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-1120.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon), on the draft resolution on the importance of further strengthening efforts towards achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in the promotion of peace (under agenda item 89), will be held *today*, 8 December 2004, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Félix Mbayu (Cameroon), on the draft resolution on agenda item 84 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development), will be held *today*, 8 December 2004, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 8 December 2004

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

9.30–11.30 a.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 1

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on operational activities for development: triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(all outstanding issues before the Second Committee; followed by draft resolutions on globalization and interdependence: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin; eradication of poverty and other development issues: importance of further strengthening efforts towards achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in the promotion of peace; eradication of poverty and other development issues: role of microcredit in the eradication of poverty; follow-up and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development; groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries; new partnership for Africa's development: progress in implementation and international support; and globalization and interdependence)*

10 a.m.–2.30 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 2

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development)*

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on the third draft of the resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination's of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room A

Consultations on Programme 19 of the Proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 (A/59/6 (Prog. 19)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

10.15 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (under agenda item 38 (a)) (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Briefing by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

A briefing by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Mr. Olara A. Otunnu, for *Third Committee delegates*, will be held *today*, 8 December 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, on the following topics: Revised paper on a monitoring, reporting and compliance mechanism for children and armed conflict; and Preparation of the Secretary-General's forthcoming report to the Security Council on children and armed conflict. Copies of the revised paper are available for pick-up in room S-3161.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 8 December 2004

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Ms. Florence Chenoweth, Director of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Liaison Office (on the FAO annual report *The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2004*)

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (in his capacity as Secretary-General of the Mauritius Conference on Small Island Developing States (10-14 January 2005))

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 9 December 2004, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Credentials Committee

There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Friday, 10 December 2004, at 12 noon in Conference Room 8. Delegations that have not submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly are kindly requested to submit them to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420I), before *today*, 8 December.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2005 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2005 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva on Friday, 10 December 2004, at 10 a.m. in Room XVII, at the Palais des Nations.

General Assembly

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005

The Secretary-General of the United Nations International Meeting would like to inform all concerned that the International Meeting will be held in Mauritius from 10 to 14 January 2005. It will be preceded by two days of informal consultations in Mauritius on Saturday and Sunday, 8 and 9 January. The high-level segment will be held on Thursday and Friday, 13 and 14 January.

Lists of speakers

Plenary interactive panels

There will be no speakers' lists for the interactive panels organized in the plenary, scheduled to take place from Monday, 10 January, to Wednesday, 12 January. The Panels will address the following themes: The Environmental Vulnerabilities of Small Island Developing States; The Special Challenges of Small Island Developing States in Trade and Economic Development; The Role of Culture in the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; Addressing Emerging Trends and Social Challenges for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; and Building Resilience in Small Island Developing States.

High-level segment general debate

The list of speakers for the high-level segment of the International Meeting, to be held on 13 and 14 January 2005, is open for the general debate under item 8 of the provisional agenda entitled, "Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States". Statements would be presented by Heads of State or Government, or their high-level appointees, on the basis of the list to be drawn up by the Secretariat in accordance with established practice. It has been recommended that statements not exceed five minutes. Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation for the speakers' list to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org).

High-level segment round tables

There will be two round tables on the overall theme "The Way Forward".

Round table 1, to be held on Thursday, 13 January, from 3 to 6 p.m., will highlight resources; and *Round table 2*, to be held on Friday, 14 January, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will highlight capacity-building and technology transfer.

Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation and the round table to which they would like to inscribe to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org). Each interactive round table would have 40-50 participants and would be open to Heads of State or Government or their high-level appointees.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

There will be a briefing on the preparations for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women and informal consultations on a possible outcome of the session on Thursday, 9 December 2004, at 3p.m., in a conference room to be announced in the *Journal*.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

The meeting of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) scheduled for *today*, 8 December 2004, has been postponed until *tomorrow*, 9 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union", organized by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria, on Thursday, 9 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on multilingualism (under agenda item 156) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on multilingualism (under agenda item 156), organized by the Permanent Mission of France, will be held on Thursday, 9 December 2004, at 3.30 p.m. at the Permanent Mission of France (245 East 47th Street (44th Floor).

United Nations Development Programme

The second informal meeting in the process of consultation with Member States of UNDP on the *Human Development Report 2005* will take place on Thursday, 9 December 2004, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Panel discussion on "Freedom from fear and want – The human rights year in review" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights)

A panel of human rights experts and activists will discuss "Freedom from fear and want – The human rights year in review", organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights, will be held on Friday, 10 December 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of Permanent Missions and United Nations agencies and organizations, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Briefing on women in development (organized by the United States Mission, in cooperation with the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Financing for Development Office, DESA)

The Director of Poverty Reduction and Economic Governance, International Center for Research on Women, Ms. Caren Grown, will make a presentation on "Poverty reduction, economic growth and the importance of women's property and inheritance rights", at a briefing on women in development, organized by the United States Mission, in cooperation with the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The briefing will be held on Friday, 10 December 2004, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Ann Low, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4229).

Meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures)

There will a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures) on Thursday, 16 December 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Announcements

Fourth Open Forum for Partnerships on "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the Least Developed Countries"

The Office of the United Nations High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) announces that it will hold its Fourth Open Forum for Partnerships on "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the Least Developed Countries", on Wednesday, 15 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6. A presentation will be made by Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director of The Earth Institute, Columbia University, Director of the Millennium Project and Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Multi-stakeholder consultation on "Sovereign debt for sustained development: Issues for countries that access financial markets"

There will be a multi-stakeholder consultation on "Sovereign debt for sustained development: Issues for countries that access financial markets", organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, at United Nations Headquarters, on Monday and Tuesday, 31 January and 1 February 2005. The consultation will comprise a series of informal meetings, including panel discussions and interactive round tables, with the participation of experts from the official and private sectors, as well as academia and civil society, as mandated by General Assembly resolution 58/230. *Delegations wishing to nominate individuals with appropriate expertise to act as panellists and/or round-table participants are kindly invited to submit the name and curriculum vitae of the proposed expert to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; or e-mail ffdoffice@un.org), by Friday, 24 December 2004.* Information on the modalities and background documentation of the event is available at www.un.org/esa/ffd/09multi-stake-consul-flyer-debt.htm.

High-level round tables to be convened during the high-level plenary meetings of the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development

The forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development will be held at Headquarters from 9 to 18 February 2005. In its resolution 2004/58, the Economic and Social Council decided that the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development should convene high-level plenary meetings open to the participation of all United Nations Member States and observers on the 10-year review of the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly. *The high-level plenary meetings will be held on 10 and 11 February 2005. In this regard, three high-level round tables will be convened on eradication of poverty, promoting full employment and fostering social* integration. Information on these three round tables, as well as other background information for the forty-third session of the Commission, is available for pick-up outside room DC2-1320. For further information, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/csocd2005.htm.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 December 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Background information on a report of the Secretary-General

The report of the Secretary-General on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/59/545 and can also be found on the United Nations Web site (www.un.org/SG).

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

Copies of UNU-Wider Study on "New Sources of Development Finance"

Copies of the recently released UNU-WIDER Study on "New Sources of Development Finance" can be obtained from the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-2386) (limited to one copy for each Permanent Mission).

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 7 December 2004

Security Council

5094th meeting

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan pursuant to paragraphs 6, 13 and 16 of Security Council resolution 1556 (2004), paragraph 15 of Security Council resolution 1564 (2004) and paragraph 17 of Security Council resolution 1574 (2004) (S/2004/947)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Prendergast.

5095th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2004/45).

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

38th meeting

Sustainable development . . . . . [85]

(h) Rendering assistance to the poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.61

The representative of Kyrgyzstan introduced the draft resolution and announced that Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nepal and Benin.

The Chairman made a statement, after which the Committee concluded the general discussion of the sub-item.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance . . . . . [39]

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.36/Rev.1

The representative of Serbia and Montenegro orally corrected the draft resolution and announced that Andorra, Azerbaijan, Estonia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Angola, Costa Rica, Morocco, the Netherlands and Switzerland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.40/Rev.1

The representatives of Burkina Faso, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, France, Germany, Greece, India, the Netherlands, the Niger, Sweden, Turkey and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Information and communication technologies for development . . . . . [44]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of the report contained in document A/59/207.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

A statement was made by the Secretary of the Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 44.

Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [83]

(c) External debt crisis and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.3 and A/C.2/59/L.53

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.53, which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.3.

The representative of Guatemala, as Facilitator of the draft resolution, orally corrected the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of the draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.53, draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.3 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 83 (c).

Globalization and interdependence . . . . . [87]

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.19 and A/C.2/59/L.59

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Antonio Bernardini (Italy), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.59, which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.19.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement, in which he announced that Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uzbekistan had joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.19.

Subsequently, the representatives of Canada and Mongolia joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.19.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.59.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.59, draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.19 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 87 (e).

Groups of countries in special situations . . . . . [88]

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.43 and A/C.2/59/L.60

The Rapporteur of the Committee, Mr. Azanaw Tadesse Abreha (Ethiopia), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.60, which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.43.

The Secretary of the Committee read out an oral statement of programme budget implications.

The representative of Chile made a statement.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.60.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.60, draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.43 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 88 (b).

Eradication of poverty and other development issues . . . . . [89]

(b) Women in development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.48 and A/C.2/59/L.58

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.58, which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on the draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.58.

Statements were made by the representatives of France and Cuba.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.58, as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.58, draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.48 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 89 (b).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendments to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC), Geneva, 1 February 1991

Acceptance of amendments to Annexes I and II (6 December 2004)[1]

Corrigendum to the entry which appeared in this section on Saturday, 30 October 2004 (see *Journal* No. 2004/211, p. 23): the first entry should read as follows:

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants, Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Ratification: Latvia (28 October 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Workshop to observe the First International Anti-Corruption Day (9 December 2004)

On the occasion of the First International Anti-Corruption Day, there will be a workshop, organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and chaired by H.E. Mrs. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), in her capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council, on Thursday, 9 December 2004, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to participate. For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Lilibeth Benitez, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (tel. 1 (212) 963-5635); e-mail benitez@un.org).

Book launch (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, the book entitled "The Face of Human Rights" will be launched on Friday, 10 December 2004, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The event, organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, will be followed by a panel discussion. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Human Rights Day (10 December 2004)

In connection with Human Rights Day, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will sponsor events to mark the conclusion of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004). Information regarding the schedule of parallel events following the General Assembly plenary meeting can be found at www.un.org/events/humanrights/. The address for the live Webcast of the plenary meeting is www.un.org.webcast/. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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